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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 888
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A RESOLUTION to honor Mr. Donald R. Sadler upon being
inducted into the Service Station Dealers of
America and Allied Trades Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize those
industrious citizens whose hard work and dedication to excellence have made them preeminent
in their field of endeavor, and who have gone on to lend their talents to national industry
organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Donald R. Sadler of Nashville, owner of Don Sadler Car Care Center at
51st Avenue and Charlotte, is one such dynamic businessman who has been recognized by his
peers for his success and business acumen; he is past president of the Service Station Dealers
of America and Allied Trades (SSDA-AT), past president of Tennessee PRO, past vice
president of USA PRO and President and Executive Director of the Tennessee Gasoline
Dealers and Automotive Repair Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sadler is a third-generation service station owner, whose grandfather,
"Uncle Jack" Sadler operated a "mom-and-pop" gas station and general store at Highway 70

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and Old Hickory Boulevard in Bellevue in the late 1920s and early 1930s; forty years ago Don Sadler, then working at Western Electric and his father Walter James "Doc" Sadler, then working for the family owned Sadler Electric Co., joined forces to open Richland Creek Esso service station at 54th Avenue and Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, the elder Mr. Sadler retired in 1972 and a few years later Don opened an Exxon station in Bellevue at exit 196 off I-40, now leased to Mapco; he has been a partner or owner of other stations at Hillwood Boulevard and Charlotte, Old Hickory Boulevard and I-40 and at the Highway 70S exit; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sadler was a franchisee of Esso/Exxon for 25 years before switching to Amoco in 1987; although he pumps Amoco gas and handles their credit card business, he has owned the service center at 51st and Charlotte since 1987; and

WHEREAS, as President of SSDA-AT from 1999-2000, Don Sadler strengthened the association's national presence with several legal and legislative initiatives, and helped to build the organization's membership base; he brought a highly successful national convention of SSDA-AT to Nashville during his tenure as president and was given the Golden Nozzle Award in 2000; and

WHEREAS, although semi-retired from the retail operations of his holdings, Mr. Sadler has lobbied extensively for the industry in his leadership role in the Tennessee Gasoline Dealers Association and is currently serving as Chairman of the Board of SSDA-AT through December; and

WHEREAS, the son of Walter J. and the late Eula Evans Sadler, Don Sadler was born September 16, 1936; he graduated from Cohn High School in 1954 and is a 30-year member of Harpeth Heights Baptist Church, where he has served as a Deacon, Chairman of the Building Committee and Sunday School teacher; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sadler is deeply committed to family values and enjoys the love and companionship of his wife, the former Peggy Massie; they are the proud parents of Danny

Wayne, married to Johnnie White; Lisa Renee, married to Jim Adcock; Tina, married to Paul Thompson; and the late Michael Richard; and

WHEREAS, Don Sadler was recently inducted into the SSDA-AT Hall of Fame for his outstanding contributions to the service station dealer industry and dealer associations throughout his working career; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to recognize this august gentleman for his astute service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we congratulate Mr. Don Sadler upon being inducted into the Service Station Dealers of America and Allied Trades Hall of Fame, thank him for his many contributions to the strength of a vital national industry, and wish him every success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.